Research Assistant - China in East Asia and the Pacific



Project Title	Research Assistant - China in East Asia and the Pacific
Project Silmmary	Join the front lines of U.S. government efforts towards understanding Chinese influence and activities in East Asia Pacific and the Pacific Islands.
Country	Fiji
Country/Region of Focus	China

Project Description

Work with the State Department's Regional China Officer covering East Asia Pacific (EAP) to better understand Chinese influence and activities in EAP, including the Pacific Island Countries (PICs). Using Open Source material, compile reports of China's economic activities, political and military engagement, influence in media, education and cultural diplomacy, development assistance, and engagement in international organizations.

Responsibilities will include:

Tracking the websites/social media pages of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chinese embassy pages throughout EAP for information on news about engagement/efforts in the region, and high-level travel/visits/meetings taking place and compiling weekly reports for the Regional China Officer.

Reviewing and reporting on China-related articles covering EAP -- on China's Belt and Road Initiative throughout EAP (including the Pacific Islands), university students in EAP addressing certain China-related issues (such as Hong Kong protests), high level visits by Chinese leaders to/from other countries in EAP, etc.

Develop briefers (1-2 pages) for each EAP country highlighting Chinese activities; organize by country, and thematically;

Research projects on other China in EAP issues, no more than 4 pages.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)	
Analytical writing	
Data analysis	

Data visualization
Economic analysis
Editing and proofreading
Political Analysis
Research
Social media management
Writing

Additional Information

This is a unique opportunity to work with State's new Regional China Officer program and look at Chinese activities from a broader, regional perspective.

Language Requirements

Language Speaking Proficiency Reading Proficiency Importance
Chinese-Mandarin Limited working proficiency Limited working proficiency Nice to Have